

AGENDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the October 17, 2011 meeting.
5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)
 - 8.1 None
9. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 9.1 HRC Work Plan

BACKGROUND: The Commission has developed a work plan that includes various tasks and events through calendar year 2011 and has requested staff include the work plan as a standing item on the agenda. At its October 2011 meeting, Commissioners agreed to review the current work plan of each committee and identify edits that could be applied to a new work plan for calendar years 2012 and 2013. The Commission also requested that each Committee's primary tasks be added to the workplan.

Enclosure: 9.1.1 HRC 2010/11 Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Review current work plan, discuss changes and updates, and consider a motion to amend work plan for calendar years 2012-2013.

9.2 Human Relations Award Discussion

BACKGROUND: The Commission is considering an award to recognize individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions for the common good and/or sustainable change in the community and who serve the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice, and human rights for all citizens. Demonstrating this pursuit may include showing leadership in inter-cultural affairs, human services, community action, or humanitarian endeavors. Individuals would be recognized in the Tri-City Voice.

At its October 2011 meeting, the Commission finalized its award criteria. The work associated with this award will be added to the community outreach committee.

Enclosure: 9.2.1 Draft HRC Award Application

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss next steps.

9.4 Sponsorship of FBI Internet Safety Presentation

BACKGROUND: At the October Commission meeting, Sister Elaine Marie Sanchez, from the Sisters of the Holy Family, reported that she was planning on organizing a presentation dealing with internet safety and human exploitation and trafficking and would like the assistance of the Commission in marketing the event.

Sister Elaine has received a commitment from FBI special agents to lead a presentation on January 24, 2012, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The program will include a 5-10 minute welcome and announcement on Human Trafficking Awareness Month. This will be followed by a 45-50 minute presentation. Sister Elaine is also seeking co-sponsorships from the Fremont Police Department and the Tri-Cities Interfaith Council.

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to co-sponsor and help promote the FBI Internet Safety and Human Trafficking Awareness Month Presentation on January 24, 2012.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).

10.1 Election of 2012 HRC Chairperson and Vice-Chair

BACKGROUND: Next month, Chair Hoffman and Vice-Chair Smith will complete their first full terms (January 2011 – December 2011) in their current positions. At its October meeting, the Commission appointed a nominating committee to recommend a chair and vice-chair for next year. The Committee has nominated Chair Hoffman and Vice-Chair Smith for a second term in their current positions. Both have consented to the nomination.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a motion to Re-elect Chair Hoffman and Vice-Chair Smith, as nominated, for a one year term beginning January 1, 2012.

10.2 2012 SF Pride Parade

BACKGROUND: In 2011, the Commission officially represented the City in the SF Pride parade and recommended the City Council adopt a proclamation recognizing June as Pride Month. The next San Francisco Pride Parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 24, 2012. Should the Commission wish to participate again next year, it may be advantageous to register as early as possible, in order to reduce parade contingent fees.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the Commission's level of interest in participating in the 2012 SF Pride Parade. If appropriate, direct staff to begin researching logistics.

10.3 December HRC Meeting

BACKGROUND: The Commission's calendar currently includes a December meeting scheduled for December 19, 2011. In the past, the Commission has decided to recess for the month of December due to the end of year holidays. Staff is requesting the Commission consider whether or not to recess during the month of December 2011.

RECOMMENDATION: Decide whether or not to recess for the month of December. Adopt a Motion as appropriate.

11. COMMISSION REFERRALS

11.1 None

12. STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Chair Hoffman and Commissioners Walsh and Campbell works to:

- a. Participate in the Community Advisory and Engagement Board (CAEB) at Family Resource Center (FRC) – workshops and/or forums
- b. Review, evaluate and oversee the Social Service Grant Program
- c. Conduct workshops and/or forums which are beneficial to local non profits.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Watanuki (Lead), Vice-Chair Smith and Commissioner La works to:

- a. Educate and empower the community on important social issues.
- b. Respond to current issues and concerns
- c. Hold events, workshops, and forums

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update on symposium.

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Leung, Vuppala and, and Chair Hoffman works to:

- a. Improve visibility of the HRC
- b. Improve youth involvement
- c. Work with other Commissions to serve the entire community
- d. Organize a Film series

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.4 Advocacy Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Commissioners Walsh, La and Campbell works to promote the needs of the community to City Leadership

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update and add additional committee members to replace former commissioners.

12.5 “Make a Difference Day” Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Commissioners La and Campbell worked to coordinate a city-wide day of volunteering on

October 22, 2011. Christine Beitsch was hired as the 2011 Make A Difference Day Program Manager.

Over 550 volunteers participated in 41 projects as part of Make a Difference Day. Commissioners visited various projects. The volunteer recognition event, which was held on November 8, 2011, was also well attended by over 100 volunteers and 4 council members.

RECOMMENDATION: Provide feedback and receive report on Make a Difference Day.

12.6 Other Commission Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Receive reports from Commissioners on relevant meetings/events.

13. **STAFF REPORTS**

- 13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)
- 13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.
- 13.3 Expiring HRC Commissioner Terms

Three current HRC Commissioners, (Hoffman, Vuppala and Watanuki) have terms that will expire on December 31, 2011. Commissioners wishing to be reappointed for a second four-year term must submit an email to Mayor Wasserman and Nadine Nader, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk, no later than Monday, November 28, 2011.

14. **REFERRALS TO STAFF** (this is for items referred by an individual Commissioner. A Commission vote in favor of an item here means it will be placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

15. **ADJOURNMENT**